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Greenwashing sweeps away eco-friendly cleaner claim

FALSE CLAIMS "All-natural" shampoo. "Planet-friendly" glass cleaner. "BPA-free" baby bottles.

The labels on 98 per cent of those good-for-the-earth-and-your-body items you fill your basket with are lying, a new study shows.

Of the more than 2,000 self-described environmentally friendly products in North America examined by the environmental marketing firm TerraChoice, only 25 were found to be indisputably "sin free." The rest were greenwashing, a term environmentalists coined to refer to misleading environmental ads or claims.

A new trend involves companies suggesting they have obtained third-party certification, usually by marking a product with an official-looking stamp that includes language such as "eco-safe."

Greenwashing is especially prevalent in the promotion of cleaning products, cosmetics and children's products, McDougall said.

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EARTH DAY: APRIL 22

GoGreen

In honour of Earth Day Wednesday, Metro gives you ways to go green and reduce your environmental footprint.



MOVIES Think you know the planet you live on? You may be surprised when you see Disney's Earth, pg 22.

NEXT WEEK The greening of popular music and eco-friendly sex.

Environmental fashion New wearables



Designer Melody Cebula, right, shows off some of her eco-friendly creations to Originals craft show manager Nancy Law Thursday. With awareness on the rise, environmentally friendly items are expected to be in huge demand at Lansdowne Park this weekend. Story, pg 2

More youth cancer

But survival rates brighten for those between 15 and 29

Next month will bring a triumphant milestone for Sommer Ellis. On May 5, it will be five years since the 24-year-old was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma.

"It's been a long battle and it's so reassuring I've almost reached that mark," she said. "I plan to have a big celebration with family and friends."

The Toronto woman is among an increasing number of young Canadians coping successfully with cancer.

The Canadian Cancer Society Thursday released statistics showing a five per cent increase in the five-year survival rate of patients between 15 and

"It's definitely great news. It gives a lot of us young adults hope. We hope the rate continues to rise."

Sommer Ellis, on survival rates for young adults

29 years of age.

Among those in this age range diagnosed with cancer between 2001 and 2004, 85 per cent are still alive today. That's up from 80 per cent in that time for those diagnosed between 1992 to 1995.

"It's definitely great news," said Ellis, who works in public relations at the University Health Network. "It gives a lot of us young adults hope. We hope the rate continues to rise."

On average, there were 2,075 new cancer cases a year for her 15 to 29 age group between 1992 and 2005 in Canada. Lymphomas are one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers for both sexes, along with thyroid cancer in females and testicular cancer in males.

Incidence rates grew between 1996 and 2005 for this age group by 0.8 per cent a year for males and by 1.4 per cent for females.

But death rates declined by a greater number, for males by 2.9 per cent a year and for females by 1.4 per cent, between 1995 and 2004. And while that's good news, it presents different challenges.

"Cancer has a disproportionate impact (for those) in this age group because these are individuals who may just be starting their careers or finishing their education or thinking about marriage and starting a family," epidemiologist Loraine Marrett, with Cancer Care Ontario, told a news conference Thursday at the University of Toronto.

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Stadium debate to be settled next week

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CITY HALL Ottawa's stadium debate should be settled by next week.

Proponents for both the soccer stadium in Kanata and the football stadium at Lansdowne Park will make their pitch to the city's finance and planning committees Monday.

Council votes on the issue Wednesday.

Mayor Larry O'Brien said he wants the priority for the city to be on fixing Lansdowne Park, including a new arena for the Ottawa 67's, maintaining trade show space, and improving Bank Street.

Any developments at Lansdowne will have to honour the 67's lease for the Civic Centre that guarantees 2,200 parking spots.

"We can't do anything at Lansdowne before 2012 without co-operating with the Lansdowne Live Group," O'Brien said.

"From that perspective we would have to engage in discussion to see what we could accomplish in a manner that would be tax neutral for citizens."

Randy Burgess, vice-president of the Ottawa 67's Hockey Club, said they are focusing on going forward with the Lansdowne Live proposal and would not comment on other alternatives before council makes its decision.

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With the 2009 Spring Seatbelt Campaign underway, the Ottawa Ontario Provincial Police, in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and other road safety partners, will be checking for seatbelt compliance of all passengers. The campaign, from April 15 to 26, will also see random checks of vehicles equipped with child seat restraints. Last year alone, 78 deaths were attributed to seatbelt non-compliance on Ontario highways.

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Two men sought after station robbed

INVESTIGATION Ottawa police are looking for two men after a west-end gas station was robbed Thursday morning.

Police said at 12:55 a.m., two men armed with a knife entered the Esso Gas Station in the 1500 block of Woodroffe Avenue.

They robbed the gas station of an undisclosed amount of cash, cigarettes, bus and lottery tickets and then fled on foot. The clerk was not injured.

Police are now seeking two black males.

The first suspect is five-foot-seven, thin, and was wearing a black and blue hoodie, blue jeans, black baseball cap and a white bandana at the time of the incident.

The second suspect is five-foot-nine, thin and was wearing a black hoodie, blue jeans, blue toque and a white bandana.

Anyone with information should call police at 613-236-1222 ext. 5116 or Crime Stoppers at (613) 233-8477 (TIPS).

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Originals touched by time

Artisans at craft sale create new lives for recycled goods

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EARTH DAY: APRIL 22

Go Green

Five years ago, Toronto resident Melody Cebula decided to combine her two loves — design and the environment.

She started a company, Precocious Environmental Couture Inc., which created new fashions out of recycled fabric.

"I like being able to recycle fabric instead of creating more," said Cebula, 27. She sources the recycled fabric — usually in the form of T-shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts — from vintage stores

and secondhand clothing shops and mixes and matches pieces to create new wearables.

"I think people are very happy to see one-of-a-kind recycled things," said Cebula. "And they love that it's green."

Cebula's booth at the Originals Spring Craft Sale at Lansdowne Park Thursday was one of dozens of eco-friendly booths selling goods that have become popular lately.

Although recycled items seem to be popping up everywhere as more people jump on the earth-friendly bandwagon, the recycled goods movement isn't new to the artisan community, said

"I think people are very happy to see one-of-a-kind recycled things."

Melody Cebula

Originals show manager Nancy Law. "Where we're seeing the increase is with the general population," she said.

As customers' awareness of the environment increases, they're looking for recycled and eco-friendly goods,

she said.

Other environmentally friendly goods featured at the show include recycled greeting cards, ceramic

mugs (which replace take-out cups), birdhouses made from barn board and organic foods and beauty products.

The four-day show, which features 172 exhibitors from as far as Newfoundland and Victoria, is expected to attract more than 10,000 people through Sunday.

Locals seek Boston finish line

RUNNERS The Boston Marathon is the oldest continuously run marathon in the world and due to its challenging qualifying requirement, has earned a reputation for being the Olympics for the average person.

This Monday — like most years — Ottawa will be strongly represented among the 26,000-runner field.

"Ottawa has a huge contingent of runners in Boston every year," said Phil Marsh, area manager for the Running Room who coached around 20 runners competing this year.

Joyce White, who trained with Marsh, is looking forward to the race. The 67-year-old started running seven years ago and admits to feeling nervous.

"I just want to finish upright and smiling," she said.

Preparing for Boston is difficult for most Ottawa runners who get in most of their training in January and February.

"I go out there and I run every day in the winter, but I don't really want to be out there," said Robin Mounsteven, 25, who is going to Boston for the first time. Thinking about Boston "gets me running a little faster," she said.

After running the race with her husband, Steph, last year, Tricia Wilhelm, 29, is looking forward to the return trip.

"It feels as if the whole city is out there cheering you on," she said. "It's a really fun weekend to be down there."

More than 120 of the registered runners list Ottawa as their hometown. The number of residents is likely higher since many transplanted residents list their original hometown on the race entry.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA



An Ottawa police investigator looks over the scene of a fatal motorcycle collision at the corner of Richmond Road and Woodroffe Avenue Thursday morning. Police are now seeking a vehicle in what they believe to be a hit-and-run collision.

Police seek driver after fatal hit-and-run

Ottawa police are seeking a driver in a fatal hit-and-run after a motorcyclist died in hospital Thursday.

At 5:20 a.m., a motorcycle and a vehicle collided near the intersection of Woodroffe Avenue and

Richmond Road.

The driver of a motorcycle, a 40-year-old male, was taken to hospital with head and multi-system injuries, where he died.

His name is not being

released as police have yet to notify next of kin.

The second vehicle involved failed to remain at the scene. The Ottawa Police Collision Investigation Unit is seeking a gold or tan Buick Century

or Buick Regal, possibly with a damaged front end.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 613-236-1222 ext. 2481 or call Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

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What's online today.

Video A spoon-bending mentalist shows off his talents at metronews.ca/canada

Blogs Kenya Hunt's fashion-friendly Ugg alternatives and Hollywood Rants makes the case for staying home with Sixteen Candles this weekend

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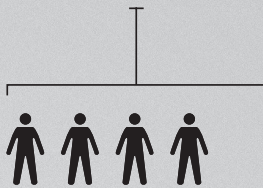
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City coming clean

Thousands sign up for spring campaign

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Spring cleaning is a dirty job. A lot of trash builds up under the snow of a long winter in city parks, schoolyards and community spaces.

Thousands of community groups, neighbourhood associations and individuals have signed up for the Spring Cleaning the Capital campaign.

During the official launch of the campaign Thursday, River Ward Coun. Maria McRae said the projects are as simple as getting together with a group and collecting trash in parks, schoolyards and roadways.

Lindsay Morris, who is cleaning Bellevue Manor Park with her husband, Michael, and children Morgan, 3, and Zachary, 4, said it was a good opportunity to do something good for the community.

This is the 16th year for



Zachary Morris, 4, collects leaves from the pool in Bellevue Manor Park at the launch of Spring Cleaning the Capital campaign.

the cleaning program. Last year, more than 67,000 people took part in 1,200 projects that collected 116,000 kilograms of litter. Volunteers can register at Ottawa.ca/clean or by calling 3-1-1.

3 Ottawa firms added to best list

QUALIFIED Three Ottawa businesses were announced as being among Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies Thursday. Veritaaq, Desjardins Health Care and the N. Harris Computer Corporation were among the Ottawa companies that made the cut, while seven others requalified to be on the list.

"Ottawa has long been a hot spot for high tech because we have the highest educated workforce in the country," said Chamber of Commerce executive director Erin Kelly. The designation opens doors for companies, including creating jobs and helping them export products abroad.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Police seek two suspects in bank branch robbery

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Ottawa police have released photos of two men in hopes the public will be able to help identify suspects in a recent bank robbery in the east end.

At 3:55 p.m. on April 8, two suspects entered the Scotiabank at the Beacon Hill Mall on Ogilvie Road. The men passed a note demanding cash. The suspects made off with an undisclosed amount of money. There were no injuries.

Police are seeking two suspects, both black males

around 20 years old. The first suspect is five-foot-six, 160 pounds with dark eyes. He was wearing a chunky gold ring on the middle finger of his right hand.

The second suspect is five-foot-eight, 170 pounds with short hair.

Police believe that earlier that afternoon, the suspects were seen at a south-end branch of a TD Canada Trust. They left the location without incident.

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Canada



Lafleur didn't mention tryst

Hockey legend Guy Lafleur appeared in court Thursday in his defence against a charge of giving contradictory testimony, telling a judge it never occurred to him to mention his son's hotel tryst while he was under curfew. Lafleur is on trial on a charge of giving contradictory testimony during a bail hearing on various criminal charges for his son Mark in 2007.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Swollen Red River hits its crest early

FLOODING The Red River has hit its highest level in the Canadian Prairie city of Winnipeg two days earlier than expected and should now begin to decline, government officials said on Thursday.

The river rose one foot (0.3 metres) overnight to its crest of 22.5 feet (6.9 metres) because of heavy ice moving in from the Assiniboine River, which meets the Red in the city's downtown.

REUTERS

News in brief

GREENHOUSE GASES U.S. efforts to curb emissions of greenhouse gases mean Canada will have to put a price on carbon and set up a national cap-and-trade system, an official panel said Thursday. Ottawa wants to reduce the intensity of emissions rather than cap them.

REUTERS

CFB Trenton Slain soldier comes home



Family members approach the hearse carrying Trooper Karine Blais at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ont., Thursday. Trooper Blais was killed when her vehicle struck an improvised explosive device north of Kandahar City in Afghanistan on April 13.

Fighting for right to jump

Women argue to compete in 2010

The discipline, drive and focus they learned as athletes have helped prepare 15 female ski jumpers for their fight to be included in the 2010 Olympics, two of the jumpers said.

Lawyers representing the women will present their opening arguments in B.C. Supreme Court on Monday in a lawsuit that claims VANOC has violated their rights to equality by only allowing male athletes to compete in 2010.

American jumper Lindsey Van, who is a plaintiff in the case and the current world champion, said training to be a world-class athlete has prepared her to

take on any fight.

"You learn mental toughness to be competitive, and it's the same thing in this situation," Van said.

"It's a historic thing that's happening in our sport and it's important to be (in Vancouver on Monday). If it doesn't work out at least we'll have the satisfaction of knowing that we actually tried."

The IOC said there wouldn't be athletes competing in 2010, and they wouldn't have participated in enough world championships, to justify including a women's component.

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Toronto program cuts food-borne illness

Cases of food-borne illness began to fall almost immediately after Toronto began making restaurant inspection results public in 2001, and in eight years they have dropped 30 per cent, says a Toronto Public Health report.

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Autoworkers must accept \$19/hour cut, Clement says

The Canadian Auto Workers union must accept concessions of \$19 an hour to enable Chrysler to seal an alliance with Fiat, or Canada may have no choice but to cut the automaker's lifeline, the industry minister said Thursday.

Chrysler has until the end of the month to close a deal with the Italian carmaker as a condition set by the U.S. and Canadian governments to qualify for long-term aid.

Further concessions by the CAW are one of the big stumbling blocks in the Chrysler-Fiat talks, Fiat's chief executive said on Wednesday. Both Chrysler and Fiat have said the CAW must agree to lower labour costs by \$19 an hour, or more than 20 per cent, to make a deal happen.



Tony Clement

"There has to be a CAW-Chrysler deal in the next two weeks — the clock is ticking — in order to allow for Fiat to continue with its partnership with Chrysler," Industry Minister Tony Clement told reporters on Thursday.

Talks between the company and the union are due to restart on Monday. The CAW said talks were put on hold in early April as Chrysler and Fiat worked out details on a possible partnership.

Ken Lewenza, the president of the CAW, said Thursday the labour issues were insignificant compared to the difficulties Chrysler was having in the United States in getting bondholders to make concessions.

REUTERS

Rock bands shell out to sponsor turtle race

LEATHERBACKS It's a turtle race in which you'll find coverage online and competitors with sponsors like R.E.M. and Pearl Jam.

Eleven endangered leatherback sea turtles are racing from feeding areas off the Atlantic Ocean to breeding areas in the warm, tropical waters of the Caribbean. The race started yesterday off the Nova Scotia coast near St. Margarets Bay and will last about two weeks.

The race is taking place to spotlight the importance of protecting these "iconic animal species" from extinction. The leatherback is the world's largest turtle, growing up to be two metres in length and 500 kilograms.

"Waters off Atlantic Canada are one of the most important feeding grounds



for leatherback turtles," Dr Mike James, director of science for the Canadian Sea Turtles Network, said in a release. "Canadians share their leatherbacks with the international community, and this race highlights how important it is we work together to care for this species."

The leatherbacks have each been satellite-tagged by Canadian Sea Turtles Network in Halifax to monitor their progress, which people can do online at greatturtlerace.org. Turtle names for the race include Nightswimmer sponsored by R.E.M. and Pearl Jam's Backspacer.

METRO CANADA

Imperial Oil still weighing \$8B oilsands project

ALBERTA Imperial Oil is still keen on its \$8 billion Kearl oilsands project in Alberta despite having missed a target for making a go-ahead decision, the company said Thursday.

Imperial, Canada's biggest oil producer and refiner, now expects to reach a decision on Kearl before the end of June, spokesman Pius Rolheiser said.

The company had targeted the end of March, but

some things needed for its final ruling on committing the money are taking longer than expected, Rolheiser said.

He said it would not be accurate to characterize the new target as a major delay for the project, amid a spate of development deferrals and cancellations across the industry due to the credit crunch and drop in oil prices.

"Our view of the project has not changed," he said.

About Kearn

• Kearn, located north of the oilsands hub of Fort McMurray, Alta., would produce 300,000 barrels a day of raw bitumen, starting with a 100,000 barrel a day phase.

Early this year, Imperial bucked the trend during the industry downturn by saying it was boosting its capital spending this year,

partly to advance Kearn, which it owns in partnership with Exxon Mobil.

The cash-rich company has recently been advertising career opportunities for the development.

More than \$90 billion worth of oilsands projects have been shelved industry-wide since late last year, a situation that Imperial executives have said is positive for Kearn as it will lead to lower development costs.

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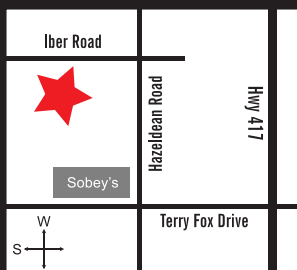
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Manulife to allow vote on executive pay

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Schreiber says letter was untrue

Karlheinz Schreiber says he wasn't telling the truth about patching up his differences with Brian Mulroney in a 2006 letter, which the German-Canadian businessman hoped would help in his extradition fight.

Schreiber told a public inquiry Thursday that the letter was to be shown to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who he hoped would consider intervening in his extradition case and agree to an inquiry into alleged scandals in Ottawa.

Schreiber, wanted in Germany on tax evasion charges, told the inquiry Mulroney had indirectly asked for the letter so he could show it to Harper when the Mulroneys and the Harpers got together at the prime minister's Harrington Lake summer home.

"How could he go to Mr. Harper (if) we are not on good terms ... to speak to him about this inquiry and my case?" Schreiber said Thursday at the inquiry delving into business dealings between him and Mulroney regarding the failed Bear Head project to build light armoured military vehicles in Canada.

"If every letter you sent out and you exchange with politicians would be true, we would have a quite different world," he told inquiry lead counsel Richard Wolson.

Schreiber has testified he handed Mulroney envelopes stuffed with \$1,000 bills three times over an 18-month period to promote the Bear Head proposal and that the deal was forged on June 23, 1993 when Mulroney was still prime minister. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Edmonton Mock explosion



A victim, played by an actor, is helped by Edmonton Fire and Rescue during a mock gas explosion training exercise, Thursday morning, near the South Campus LRT station. The event was staged to test safety, security, and emergency operations procedures before the opening of the South LRT expansion.

News in brief

BORDER Canada-U.S. border slowdowns are mainly a result of aging infrastructure at crossings, not overly restrictive U.S. policy, says a senior American security official.

With a deadline looming that will require passports to cross into the U.S. by land as of June 1, Deputy Homeland Secretary Jane Lute yesterday reinforced a key message: There is little

difference between the Democrats' approach and the former Republican leadership when it comes to security on the 49th parallel.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Man gets 5 years for sexual assaults

TRIAL A church-going corporate headhunter who passed himself off as an international entertainment executive while preying on female job applicants has been sentenced to five years in prison.

Joseph T. Joseph, 36, dressed in a neat dark suit, showed no reaction yesterday as Ontario Superior Court Justice Faye McWatt sent him to a federal penitentiary for assaulting one teenager and sexually assaulting two women.

In one case the Scarborough man used an imitation gun to force his victim to perform oral sex in his locked SUV. At the time he had left his wife and son sitting in church, and hurried back to join them after the assault.

"He chose lone and vulnerable females," McWatt said.

The need for society to denounce his crimes, coupled with the importance of his acknowledging the impact, "cry out for a lengthy term of incarceration," the judge said.

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"Sri Lankan forces are shelling hospitals and so-called safe zones and slaughtering the civilians there."
— James Ross, Human Right Watch,

"Sri Lanka's so-called 'no-fire zone' is now one of the most dangerous places in the world."
— Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights Watch

"Government must heed the international community's calls for a cease-fire and for better access for humanitarian workers and journalists."
— Reporters Without Borders

"Mangled bodies, torn limbs litter Safe Zone"
— Medical Officials

"This is a very grave situation."
— John Holmes, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator

"It's absolutely necessary to avoid a bloodbath."
— Walter Kaelin, UN Expert on Internally Displaced

"Cluster bombs had been used to hit the last functioning hospital in the Tigers' territory." United Nations

"We're shocked that the hospital was hit,"
— Paul Castella, ICRC

"The UN has issued a fresh appeal for a humanitarian pause in the fighting in Sri Lanka to avoid a bloodbath"
— Neil Bhune, UN resident Coordinator for Sri Lanka

"AI Condemns 'war without witnesses' as journalists prevented from reporting the conflict."
— Amnesty International

"Sri Lankan security forces are responsible for war crimes against civilians"
— Reporters Without Borders (RSF)

"The lack of access for independent monitors, humanitarian workers and the media only adds to concerns that the situation may be even worse than we realize,"
— U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay

"It is a disgrace that this war is being waged without independent journalists present,"
— Reporters Without Borders (RSF)

"The Sri Lankan government has been denounced over plans to forcibly detain thousands of Tamil civilians fleeing the country's civil war in 'concentration camps'."
— Telegraph, UK

"War crimes may be being committed in Sri Lanka"
— UN

"Who can protect Tamil civilians?" Robert Evans MEP
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— ICRC

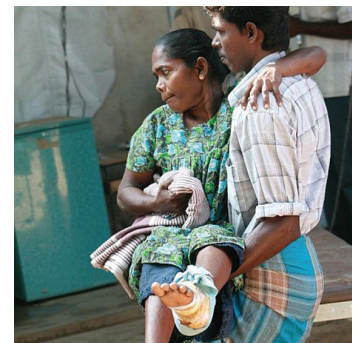


WE CALL UPON CANADA TO:

- Call for an Internationally Monitored Permanent Ceasefire
- Urge Unhindered Access to UN agencies into the "safe-zone"
- Take lead in ending this humanitarian tragedy and help find a peaceful settlement to the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.

If Sri Lanka does not accept this:

- Immediately invoke the Responsibility to Protect and stop the impending bloodbath of Tamil civilians in Sri Lanka.
- Apply economic and diplomatic sanctions against Sri Lanka
- Call for Sri Lanka to be kicked out of the Commonwealth



CURRENT SITUATION:

The Sri Lankan military has surrounded 200,000 Tamil civilians who have taken refuge inside a 20 square km "safe zone" and are living under deplorable conditions. Human Rights Watch has accused Sri Lankan government of "callous indifference" towards the civilians trapped on the frontline. The military has been attacking the "safe zone" and killing and injuring hundreds of civilians daily. Over 5,000 civilians have already been killed by the Sri Lankan forces since beginning of this year and over 10,000 have been injured.

Majority of the dead and injured are women and children, many of them being maimed for life by artillery and bombs, including cluster ammunitions and phosphorous shells, fired from land, sea, and air by the Sri Lankan armed forces.

Sri Lankan government has banned access to the conflict

zone by journalists so that it can commit these war crimes and hide it from the rest of the world. Sri Lankan government has refused calls for a meaningful ceasefire from western countries, UN, and human rights groups, and continued to push for a "final" military solution inside the safe zone without any regard for the civilians.

The current military campaign by the Sri Lankan armed forces has taken a heavy toll on the Tamil children. Hundreds of them have been killed and maimed and many of the remaining ones could end up in military detention camps with no guarantee for their life or liberty.

The Sri Lankan conflict is between two ethnic communities whose experiment in living in a single state since independence from Britain in 1948 has failed due to the ill treatment of the

minority (Tamil) by the majority (Sinhalese). The Sinhalese have been brain washed in to believing that the entire island belongs to them and have developed a "ruling class" mentality. They have continued to use extreme force to suppress Tamils' legitimate political aspirations. The racism that exists in Sri Lanka is not "skin" deep but "soul" deep and can not be resolved without independent international mediation.

Canada has moral responsibility to save the 250,000 civilians in the "safe zone" from being slaughtered by the Sri Lankan forces. Canada was one of the first countries to promote the concept of peace building and played a key role in the end of apartheid and during the Suez Crisis. Canada has to take the lead in ending this humanitarian tragedy and help find a peaceful settlement to the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.



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Indonesia's Supreme Court has reversed a \$93 million US libel ruling against Time magazine over a story about ex-president Suharto. A May 1999 cover story alleged that Suharto and his family had amassed a fortune of around \$15 billion, including \$9 billion transferred via Switzerland to an Austrian bank account. **REUTERS**

World



WTC rebuilding on hold

The owners of the former site of New York's World Trade Center towers, pictured left, have proposed indefinitely putting off two of three planned new office towers at the site until the real estate market recovers, officials familiar with the negotiations said. One analysis predicts that the last of the towers won't be finished until 2030. **REUTERS**

Obama backs Mexico's drug cartel crackdown

In his second major trip abroad as U.S. president, Barack Obama pledged his support Thursday for the Mexican government's fight against drug cartels waging turf wars along the border.

Obama, who made his first major foray onto the international stage in Europe earlier this month, offered Mexican President Felipe Calderon a partnership in his efforts to combat drug gangs.

"At a time when the Mexican government has so courageously taken on the drug cartels that have plagued both sides of the borders. It is absolutely critical that the United States joins as a full partner in dealing with this issue," Obama said.

Deadly shootout

• About a dozen people died in a shootout in Mexico between soldiers and suspected drug traffickers ahead of Obama's visit to discuss the drug war.

Obama will push the U.S. Senate to ratify a treaty that will reduce the flow of arms and ammunition to drug cartels in Latin America, a senior U.S. official said.

The Obama administration is tightening security at the U.S.-Mexico border to prevent trafficking of guns, and hopes to provide Black Hawk helicopters to boost Calderon's efforts.

REUTERS

Obama shields CIA interrogators

CIA personnel who used waterboarding on terrorism suspects will not face prosecution, U.S. President Barack Obama said Thursday, while releasing Bush-era memos saying the practice did not constitute torture.

Obama said he was unwilling to prosecute CIA personnel who followed in good faith the Bush administration, which cleared techniques like waterboarding, sleep deprivation, and putting insects in with a confined prisoner.

REUTERS

China Pumping up the navy



Paramilitary policemen take part in an anti-terrorism drill at a military base in Yinchuan, Ningxia Hui region Thursday. China will accelerate development of warships, stealth submarines and long-range missiles as the country makes a stronger navy a priority.

News in brief

BOLIVIA Security forces said they thwarted an assassination plot against President Evo Morales Thursday, killing three people in a half-hour shootout. Two Hungarians and a

Bolivian, who were believed to be part of a conspiracy to kill Morales, were killed in the gunfight at a hotel in the city of Santa Cruz.

SCIENCE A colony of iron-

breathing microbes has survived for millions of years under an Antarctic glacier, thriving without air or sunlight, researchers reported Thursday.

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Screening rates for chlamydia, a sexually transmitted disease, rose to nearly 42 per cent in 2007, but that's still far too few, U.S. researchers said. **REUTERS**

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U.S. security chief faces harsh criticism

U.S. domestic security chief Janet Napolitano sought Thursday to clear up a flap over her office's warning that some military veterans risk joining right-wing extremist groups.

Napolitano's Department of Homeland Security drew criticism from Republicans for saying in a report last week that military veterans returning from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could be recruitment targets for the right-wing groups.

Inconvenient truth?

- The report detailed that right-wing extremists are gaining new recruits by exploiting fears about the economy and the election of America's first black president, Barack Obama.

The report said those veterans having trouble finding jobs or settling back into civilian society could be in particular be targeted for recruiting.

Some Republicans reacted with outrage when the report leaked this week. John Boehner of Ohio, the Republican

leader in the House, called it "offensive and unacceptable" to suggest that some veterans defending the country are "potential terrorists."

Napolitano said on NBC's Today show that the report was an assessment, not an accusation. **REUTERS**

India goes to the polls

INDIA From the Chinese border to holy Ganges cities, tens of millions of Indians began voting on Thursday in a month-long election with signs that an unstable coalition may emerge in the middle of an economic slowdown.

The ruling Congress party-led coalition appears to lead against an alliance

headed by the Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), but both may need the support of a host of smaller and unpredictable regional parties to win office. India's Election Commission estimated Thursday's preliminary voter turnout at 58-62 per cent. **REUTERS**

News in brief

GAZA An Israeli air strike destroyed a house in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Thursday, the first such attack on the Palestinian enclave in over a month, residents said. No one was injured. The house, located near the border fence with Israel, was empty at the time of the blast, officials of the Hamas Islamist group said. **REUTERS**

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Leftist Colombian rebels will free a soldier held hostage for more than 11 years as they look for ways to start peace talks with the government, the guerrillas said in a statement Thursday. **REUTERS**

Microsoft case extends

Microsoft and the Justice Department agreed to extend some portions of federal antitrust oversight by 18 months, to May 2011, according to court papers filed Thursday.

Microsoft settled U.S. antitrust charges in 2002 that it abused its dominance of the market for personal computer operating systems. Court oversight had been scheduled to end on Nov. 12.

The Justice Department and states involved in the antitrust suit said in the filing that the November deadline would not give them enough time to assess whether Microsoft had removed all the errors from the technical information it is required to

give potential licencees who write programs for Microsoft's Windows.

The 2002 consent decree covers the company's ties to computer makers, how its software works with other types of software, and enforcement to ensure it does not repeat past practices.

Microsoft was required to issue licenses for companies that want to write programs for the Windows operating system. It was also required to provide technical information about Windows to help make the programs work.

Once the oversight ends, Microsoft will be able to charge a royalty on the patented portions of the documentation. **REUTERS**

Georgia Tiring protest



Demonstrators sit during a protest outside the presidential residence in Tbilisi, Georgia, on Thursday. President Mikheil Saakashvili, who has refused to quit, appeared to suggest that Russian money was behind the campaign.

News in brief

FRANCE Workers at a logistics company in northeastern France detained five managers on Thursday and said they would not free them unless progress was made in redundancy talks, a union official said.

GAY RIGHTS New York Gov. David Paterson on Thursday introduced a bill to allow gay marriage in the state, likening the effort to civil rights struggles and brushing aside objections from religious leaders.

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Earthquake victim camps will close before autumn: Italy PM

ITALY Thousands of people made homeless by Italy's worst earthquake in three decades will be moved from tent villages into more permanent housing before autumn, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said on Thursday.

Berlusconi, who on Thursday visited the rugged Abruzzo region devastated by the April 6 quake, said that 65,000 people had

been displaced by the disaster, most of whom are now living in camps or in hotel rooms paid for by the government.

About half of these would probably lose their homes due to severe structure damage, Berlusconi said.

Italy's worst quake since 1980 killed 294 people and ravaged scores of medieval hilltowns and historic monuments. **REUTERS**

Sri Lanka's fight against Tigers resumes

TIGERS Sri Lanka's president made a symbolic visit on Thursday to the town the Tamil Tigers had declared their capital, while an offensive to finish off the separatist rebels resumed after a two-day truce.

Sri Lanka's military has the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) encircled in a 17 square kilometre strip of northeastern coastline, along with tens of thousands of civilians they have forced to stay with them.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa flew in and out of the northern town of Kilinochchi, where he met with troops and military commanders who are now housed in the former LTTE Peace Secretariat.

Meanwhile, soldiers killed at least 13 Tigers after resuming combat outside an army-declared no-fire zone, which is the only piece of land the LTTE still holds, the military said. **REUTERS**

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No faith in Afghan clerics



Mona Eltahawy
Global View

When Taliban gunmen shot dead prominent women's rights activist Sitara Achakzai in Kandahar last Sunday, they had nothing to hide. It was broad daylight after all.

To further underline that bloody message of hatred for women, a Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility for the murder.

Clearly, misogyny has married impunity and the Taliban — ousted from power in 2001 — is, once more, terrorizing the women of its country.

Achakzai's assassination was but the latest in a series of murders targeted at women's rights activists. Under almost identical circumstances, Taliban gunmen in September killed the highest-ranking female police officer in Kandahar, Lt.-Col. Malalai Kakar.

Such murders are just the



A family picture of Sitara Achakzai with her niece, Maryam Maiwand, taken when she visited relatives in Toronto in 2008.

most visible signs of the violence meted out to the girls and women of Afghanistan. Just last month, the United Nations warned in its annual human rights report that Afghan women's rights were little better today than they were during the brutal reign of the ultra-conservative Taliban.

Girls as young as seven are targets of rape, while other females suffer "honour killings," early and forced marriages, sexual abuse and slavery, the UN report said.

Obviously, in the absence of rule of law everyone is vulnerable in Afghanistan. But girls and women are on the bottom of everyone's lists. President Hamid Karzai was forced to reconsider his signature on a law allowing marital rape after an international outcry earlier this month. Hardline clerics seem hell-bent on justifying the most heinous of acts in the name of Islam.

When the president is willing to sell women out and when those who claim to be the gatekeepers of

God give sanction to such selling out, it is not difficult to understand why the Taliban's hate for women gets a free ride.

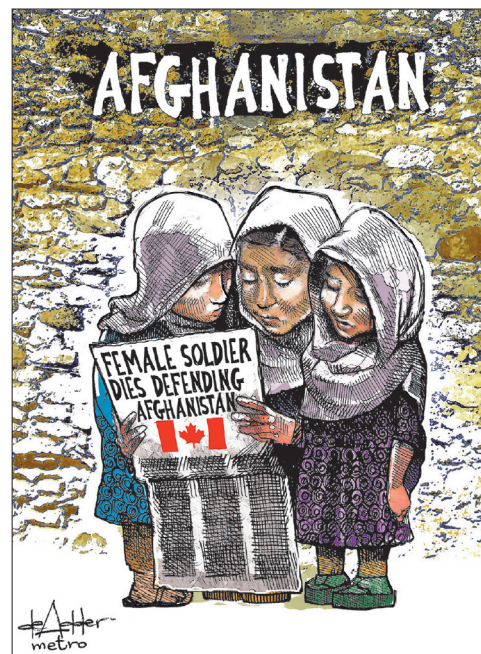
We hear a lot about the need to talk to the Taliban to end fighting in Afghanistan. Such a conversation must not happen at the expense of Afghan girls and women.

I am a Muslim woman who is fed up of those leaders and clerics who claim to speak in the name of my religion and yet who ignore its message of justice and equality. They are just as much to blame as the gunmen who shot Achakzai and Kakar.

Both women were Muslim and knew the violence had nothing to do with religion, but was just plain old misogyny. Kakar used to protect abused wives by physically beating their husbands.

As I say a prayer for Sitara and Malalai, I hope they've found peace in feminist heaven.

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Worth Mentioning

U.S. takes first step on ending freeze of Cuba

POLITICS The United States is ready to talk to Cuba, their Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday as Caribbean leaders piled pressure on Washington to end its sanctions against the island.

A day before the start of a 34-nation Summit of the Americas that excludes Cuba, the issue of the hemisphere's only one-party communist state and U.S. hostility towards it was dominating diplomatic activity in the region.

U.S. President Barack Obama, who hopes to open up a new era of improved

co-operation with Latin America and the Caribbean at the three-day meeting in Trinidad and Tobago, earlier this week relaxed parts of the 47-year-old U.S. trade embargo on Cuba.

Clinton said she agreed with the emphasis on moving toward dialogue throughout the hemisphere. "We stand ready to discuss with Cuba additional steps that could be taken," she said.

But she made clear Washington was also waiting for Havana to make a contribution to an improvement of relations.

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Views

In Ottawa, protest part of the landscape

Urban Compass

Steve Collins

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From some of the fuss about the demonstrations by Tamil supporters in front of Parliament Hill, you'd think we'd never seen a protest here in the nation's capital.

The most eccentric one I ever witnessed was a single bedraggled man standing motionless just outside the gates of the parliamentary precinct and favouring the Peace Tower with a silent

one-finger salute. I didn't ask what his point was, but I think I got the gist.

The most tense was those held during the G20 summit in November 2001, as massed anti-globalization protesters faced phalanxes of cops in riot armour. The entire scene was suffused with post-9-11 paranoia, but mercifully the peace mostly held.

I first learned of the Tamil demo from a local radio station noting the traffic disruption, expect delays, etc. Of who might be protesting or why, there was curiously no word.

A week and a half later, we've heard more about the dirty 25-year civil war in Sri Lanka that has killed more

than 70,000, but many of us still can't look past our own inconvenience. Why, some ask, didn't police start making arrests as soon as the demonstrations began blocking traffic early last week?

But two years ago, when it was Canadian farmers jamming the city core with a convoy of tractors, I recall no similar demands for a crackdown. Civil disobedience, within the bounds of public safety, is fair ball.

The Sri Lankan High Commission has made much of tiger flags displayed by the protesters, which are associated both with both Tamil nationalism and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam

(LTTE), the latter banned in Canada as a terrorist organization. The Harper government, while affirming the demonstrators' right to freedom of expression, has also used the flags as an excuse to avoid a meeting.

The protesters on Wednesday, some arriving in minivans full of kids and grannies, struck me as unlikely terrorists.

Afternoon commuters waited for their buses along Wellington Street undisturbed, either watching the demonstrators or completely ignoring them, for that, too, is democracy as practised in Ottawa.

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U.S. President Barack Obama outlined his plan for developing "long overdue" high-speed rail on Thursday that would rival air travel, create jobs and help curb the U.S. transportation system's appetite for oil. Obama envisions a network of short and longer-haul corridors plied by trains travelling up to 150 miles per hour. **REUTERS**

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Housing more affordable

But jobs market, slow income growth may mitigate sales: RBC

Thanks largely to record-low interest rates, Canadian housing has become more affordable, though slowing income growth and a weak jobs market will act as a restraint, says a Royal Bank report.

"With the recession pounding many communities, housing-market conditions have deteriorated rapidly across Ontario since mid-year last year," RBC senior economist Robert Hogue said in a report Thursday.

But a drop in prices and low interest rates have meant houses have become increasingly affordable over the last year, reversing a

Signs of hope for spring

Affordability has been a big plus for the spring resale market. The Canadian Real Estate Board reported Thursday exist-

ing home sales in March were down 13.7 per cent from a year earlier, but the decline has slowed significantly.

four-year trend from 2004 to late 2007 that saw houses priced out of the reach of many first-time buyers, RBC says.

Lower mortgage rates means the RBC index fell to 51.3 in the fourth quarter of 2008 from 53.1 in the previous quarter. The higher the index measure, the more difficult it is to afford a house. A rating of 51.3

means it takes 51.3 per cent of pre-tax household income to afford a home.

Affordability will likely have improved in the first quarter of 2009, because interest rates and prices have fallen further. But a tough jobs market and slow income

growth are strong mitigating factors. More than 60,000 jobs were lost in March, bumping the national unemployment rate to eight per cent.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bankruptcies up 22%

NUMBERS Insolvencies nationwide took another big jump in February, according to figures released Thursday from the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada.

There were 9,495 personal and business bankruptcies across the country in February, up 13.1 per cent from the prior month, and a jump of 22.1 per cent from 2008.

The vast majority — 9,020 of them — are consumer bankruptcies. In Ontario, the number of bankruptcies rose to 3,572 in February, an increase of 14.6 per cent from January, and 22.3 per cent from one year ago.

"Unfortunately it doesn't surprise me. With the state of the economy and so

"With the state of the economy and so many people maxed out, they're right at their limit, they just have no leeway for any change."

Sandra Sherk, Credit Counselling Service of Durham Region

many people maxed out, they're right at their limit, they just have no leeway for any change," said Sandra Sherk, executive director of the Credit Counselling Service of Durham Region, a non-profit organization.

Bankruptcy trustee Jacques Rusinek of Rusinek & Associates Inc. added: "I think it's got to the point that just the number of people who are struggling has reached a boiling point ... Everything has dried up now and people are just on the precipice."

The insolvency figures also show across the country the number of bankruptcy proposals is up sharply.

Proposals rose 18.5 per cent to 2,825 in February from the month before. Compared to February, 2008, the increase is a staggering 37.5 per cent.

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Pelosi seeks panel to probe Wall Street

WASHINGTON U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wants to create a special panel to investigate the causes of the Wall Street meltdown that helped put the country into a severe economic recession, a spokesman said Thursday.

The investigative panel, according to Pelosi spokesman Nadeem Elshami, would be modelled after the Pecora Commission, a Depression-era U.S. Senate panel that investigated the causes of the 1929 Wall

Recent panels

Existing congressional panels have held some hearings into the failure of Wall Street icon Bear Stearns, the bailout of insurance giant AIG and severe difficulties facing domestic automakers.

Street crash.

Elshami said that Pelosi wants to first discuss the idea with fellow lawmakers

when they return on Monday from a two-week recess.

The Pecora Commission is credited with sparking major reforms in the U.S. financial system more than 70 years ago, including the creation of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

More recently, the SEC has been blamed for lax oversight of financial industry practices. **REUTERS**

Rogers opposes TV carriage fees

CONFLICT Rogers Communications Inc. has launched its latest salvo in the political battle over television carriage fees, accusing conventional broadcasters of fear-mongering with their plans to shutter or sell some local stations.

Vice-chair Phil Lind says broadcasters such as CTV and Global have launched "a political campaign" with members of Parliament to pressure the CRTC to approve fee-for-carriage. The proposal, already twice rejected by the regulator, suggests charging cable and satellite companies a fee to carry the signals of over-the-air broadcasters.

Lind warned of "consumer outrage" and suggested cable bills could rise by as much as \$7 a month. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Chile Protesters under assault



Police use a water cannon to disperse protesters during a demonstration in downtown Santiago, Chile, Thursday. Police fired water at workers, teachers, students and public-sector employees as they took part in a one-day protest against unemployment and the economic crisis in the country.

AbitibiBowater files for bankruptcy protection

ANNOUNCEMENT AbitibiBowater Inc., the largest North American newsprint maker, filed for bankruptcy protection in the United States Thursday as it failed to secure support for its proposed restructuring plan.

The company said it has concluded that there are no viable alternatives to its previously announced proposed refinancing of its Bowater and Abitibi-Con-

solidated subsidiaries. The company has been unable to reach an agreement on a plan for either unit after negotiations with lenders.

AbitibiBowater said it and its subsidiaries will also seek creditor protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) in Canada.

The company said its normal day-to-day operations will continue.

REUTERS

Business in brief

TECH The Verizon Hub, a new home phone with some web add-ons like weather and traffic reports, will soon come with an applications market, following a trend among cell-phone makers like Apple Inc.

IMF The current global recession is likely to be unusually long and severe and the recovery sluggish because it may be held back by weak demand, the International Monetary Fund said on Thursday. **REUTERS**

Federer falls to partner

Roger Federer lost to his Olympic gold-medal doubles partner Stanislas Wawrinka 6-4, 7-5 Thursday in the third round of the Monte Carlo Masters. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

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Madden calls it quits

John Madden, the former coach who has been one of the NFL's most popular broadcast analysts for three decades, is retiring. Madden had worked for CBS and FOX, and the past three seasons for NBC. His last telecast was the Super Bowl between Arizona and Pittsburgh. His Madden NFL Football is also the top-selling sports video game of all time. Cris Collinsworth will replace him in NBC's booth. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Bruins draw first blood

STANLEY CUP

2009 Playoffs

Phil Kessel registered two goals and helped set up another one as the Boston Bruins doubled the Montreal Canadiens 4-2 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final matchup at a boisterous TD Banknorth Garden.

With the score deadlocked at two, Montreal defenceman Josh Gorges committed an ill-timed cross-checking penalty just past the midway point of the third period.

The Bruins went to work on the power play and Zdeno Chara's blast from the left point eluded Carey Price with 8:45 remaining.

Kessel's empty-net tally cemented the win with 13.4 seconds to go in regu-

lation. Tempers boiled over at the end of the contest, with the players on the ice engaging in multiple shoving matches.

RED WINGS 4, BLUE JACKETS 1

Johan Franzen and Jiri Hudler posted a goal and an assist each as the defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings notched a 4-1 win over Columbus in Game 1 of their best-of-seven Western Conference quarter-final series at Joe Louis Arena.

Chris Osgood made 20 saves, 13 of them coming amid a spirited effort from Columbus in a scoreless first period.

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Bruins defenceman Matt Hunwick checks Montreal centre Tomas Plekanec Thursday night in Boston.

Garnett out for the NBA playoffs?

Boston Celtics head coach Doc Rivers has said star forward Kevin Garnett might not be available for the entire playoffs.

The Boston Globe is reporting that Garnett will definitely be out for the first-round series against Chicago and most likely for the entire playoffs. According to the report, Garnett's knee is only about 70 per cent healed, and surgery is an option.

Garnett was having difficulty running in Wednesday morning's practice due to his injured right knee. Rivers said Garnett will continue to get treatment and if it goes well he might be able to return to play later in the playoffs.

The all-star had missed a month of action due to a posterior muscle strain of his right knee, but he returned on March 20 and played the next four games. However, after playing at Orlando on March 25, he has sat out Boston's final nine games of the season.

NBA Playoffs

Eastern Conference

- Cleveland (1) vs. Detroit (8), Game 1 Saturday
- Boston (2) vs. Chicago (7), Game 1 Saturday
- Orlando (3) vs. Philadelphia (6), Game 1 Saturday
- Atlanta (4) vs. Miami (5), Game 1 Sunday

Western Conference

- L.A. Lakers (1) vs. Utah (8), Game 1 Sunday
- Denver (2) vs. New Orleans (7), Game 1 Sunday
- San Antonio (3) vs. Dallas (6), Game 1 Saturday
- Portland (4) vs. Houston (5), Game 1 Saturday

son. Garnett averaged 15.8 points and a team-best 8.5 rebounds in 57 games this season for the defending NBA champions. Boston begins the defence of its championship on Saturday for Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarter finals in Boston against the Bulls.

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East Coast fighter gets his shot in Montreal

MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Canada

UFC 97 It's the ultimate opportunity for Nova Scotia's T.J. Grant, and the mixed martial artist doesn't want to waste it.

The 25-year-old makes his Ultimate Fighting Championship debut against Japan's Ryo Chonan Saturday night at UFC 97: Redemption at Bell Centre in Montreal.

"I was given a tough fight for my first fight," said Grant, a 5-foot-10, 170-pound welterweight.

"Chonan's got a lot of experience and a lot of credentials behind him. I feel like I need to win this fight and I feel like I will win this fight."

Grant, whose career start-

ed in 2006 with a win in the inaugural Extreme Cage Combat event in Halifax, signed a four-fight contract with UFC in January. But the contract is no sure thing, and UFC can cut him loose after any loss.

Bell Centre is sold out for the event, meaning more than 20,000 fans will be on hand for Grant's debut. Friday's weigh-in alone could attract as many as 8,000.

"It's just going to be ridiculous," said Grant, who is used to crowds of 5,000.

"There are going to be 20,000 people there, screaming. I've got to be ready

for the bright lights."

Grant has a 13-2 career record and vaulted onto the sport's biggest stage with victories over UFC veterans Chad Reiner and Forrest Petz in the past year. Chonan is 15-9 and has lost two out of three UFC appearances in the past 17 months.

Grant has 12 submission wins; Chonan has

five knockout wins.

Grant said he has more than 100 friends and family members travelling from Halifax to watch Saturday's card. His fans are not used to going

UFC 97 Montreal

Fight cards

- Silva vs. Leites
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- Marshall vs. Magalhaes
- Kang* vs. Foupa-Pokam
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- Bielheden vs. Bock
- Chonan vs. Grant*
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away disappointed, and now that he's made it this far, Grant doesn't want that to change.

"You've got to step it up," Grant said. "This is the big leagues. I want to be here. I want to make a career of it."

Sports in brief

NBA Boston Celtics president and general manager Danny Ainge suffered a minor heart attack Thursday and was rushed to the hospital. The Celtics said Ainge, 50, is recovering nicely at Massachusetts General Hospital and he is expected to remain in the hospital for a few days, most likely through Boston's playoff opener with Chicago Saturday. Boston TV station WCVB reported that Ainge woke up Thursday morning with chest pains and was rushed to hospital, where

doctors had to insert a stent to unclog an artery that was 100 per cent clogged.

NHL Minnesota Wild majority owner Craig Leipold announced Thursday that the team will not renew the contract of president and general manager Doug Risebrough. Risebrough has been the only GM in the team's history, taking over the post in 1999. He helped lead the Wild to the Western Conference finals in 2003.

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The New York Jets, upset about being scheduled for home games on consecutive Sundays next season that are in direct conflict with Jewish holidays, sent the NFL a letter Thursday asking that one of the game times be changed. The Jets home opener falls on Rosh Hashanah, and the following week, Yom Kippur. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Pain and anger 20 years after Hillsborough

Twenty years later and the Liverpool FC family are still mourning their loss.

On April 15, 1989, a small city of Liverpool supporters, 24,000 to be specific, travelled to Sheffield, England, to watch their beloved Reds in a FA cup semi-final match against Nottingham Forest.

Ninety-six would never return, in what would be-

come England's worst sporting tragedy.

The Sheffield stadium, known as Hillsborough, was a reflection of that age in English football.

Like many other stadiums, Hillsborough had erected high steel fencing to keep opposing supporters apart in response to the hooliganism that had ravaged the sport — the standing room-only sections were called pens.

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Ben Rycroft

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They could have been called prisons on this day. As wave after wave of Liverpool supporters poured into the stadium —

some with tickets, some without — police were unable or unwilling to direct the human traffic. As a result, thousands of late arriving Liverpool supporters tore into the first two accessible pens — already throbbing with overcrowded support — and created a crush of bodies.

Men, women and children — body wedged against body, nowhere to move and no one to help

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— began dying of compressed asphyxia almost immediately.

It wasn't until six minutes into the game that officials acted and called a stop to the game, opening the pens and relieving the pressure.

By then it was too late. Ninety-four had died, many where they stood. Two more would die days later while another 766 recovered from their injuries.

Afterwards the official inquest into Hillsborough ruled their deaths an accident. For the survivors of

Hillsborough, who give graphic accounts of a police force that willingly stood by as they pleaded for help during the crush, the decision remains an insult.

The 50 some odd messages I received this week from fellow Liverpool FC supporters — each sharing their anger and sadness from the Hillsborough disaster — stands testament to a family, which 20 years later, is still looking for justice.

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MLB Tribe spoil Yankee opener



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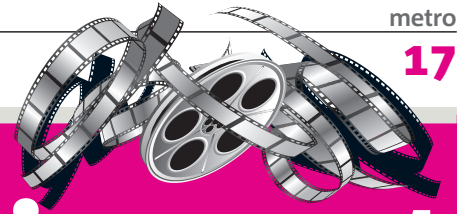
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Rachel McAdams stars in the journalism-based drama *State of Play* as an eager cub reporter. She stars alongside Russell Crowe, a veteran journalist who takes McAdams's character under his wing as they uncover a political conspiracy.

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Zac Efron takes on high school again in *17 Again*

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k-os gets back to his roots with new album *Yes!*

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Comic Carla Collins stars in new *Carlawood* TV series.

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Suspense name of game in Play

State of Play

Director: Kevin Macdonald

Stars: Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

If you want to make a suspenseful journalism-based drama wrapped in plenty of political intrigue, an obvious place to start is with clever writing. That is just what director Kevin Macdonald did with his new thriller *State of Play*.

In his fictional follow-up

On the web

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to *The Last King of Scotland*, Macdonald perfectly casts Russell Crowe as Cal McCaffrey, a shaggy, junk food-devouring journalist who slowly connects the dots to a series of seemingly unrelated events — including the mysterious death of the mistress of a former-college roommate/now-star Congressman (Ben Affleck). Taking an eager cub re-

porter (Rachel McAdams) under his wing, McCaffrey slowly uncovers a conspiracy that begins with a pair of senseless junkie-thieves but ends up involving a huge Blackwater-like corporation dealing in wartime defence contracts. Yes, there's much in the middle but who am I to spoil the plot for you?

Following in the footsteps of fact-based dramas like *All the President's Men*, *Play* is full of labyrinthine complications that have great potential to lose audiences.

Instead, Macdonald keeps the pace quick and the characters broad



Russell Crowe, Rachel McAdams and Helen Mirren, left, star in *State of Play*.

enough to make the thriller accessibly appealing. It doesn't hurt that he also hired a terrific supporting cast that notably includes Jason Bateman as a priggish

pansexual publicist.

However the real key to this film's success was nabbing such acclaimed scribes as Tony Gilroy (Duplicity) and Billy Ray

(Breach) to compact the successful BBC six-hour mini-series into a gripping two-hour popcorn flick. Trust me, that job couldn't have been easy to do.



Zac Efron, left, undertakes his first major role outside of the *High School Musical* franchise in *17 Again*.

17 Again

Director: Burr Steers

Stars: Zac Efron, Matthew Perry

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●●

NED EHREBAR
Metro World News

REVIEW In his first major starring role outside the *High School Musical* franchise, Zac Efron is looking to prove that he's more than just a pretty face, that he can carry a movie.

And he very well might be able to, if the movie in question didn't spend so much time trying to make that point. There's a certain "Hey look, he's doing it!" aspect to *17 Again* that can get in the way of the movie itself.

Taking a page more from *It's a Wonderful Life* than *Vice Versa*, *17 Again* follows Mike O'Donnell (played as an adult by Matthew Perry), who tossed away a chance at college basketball glory to be with his knocked-up high school girlfriend. To

Mike, it's been downhill since then, and he'd give anything to do it all over again.

That's when, through a bit of hocus pocus, Mike is transformed back to his 17-year-old self (Efron), only it's still present day, so suddenly he's going to high school with his teenage children.

To add a boost of comic support, Efron has as a sidekick Thomas Lennon, from MTV's cult classic *The State* and more recently *Reno 911*. As Mike's nerdy

and now-rich lifelong friend, Lennon displays his usual knack for mixing sweet and creepy to hilarious effect. And his courtship of the school's principal (Melora Hardin of *The Office*) steals some of the movie's biggest laughs.

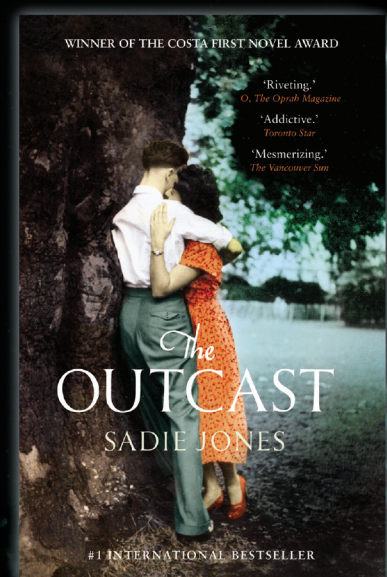
It's an enjoyable comedy, with a cute and touching story to tell, but it tends to stumble over the effort put into trying to sell us on Zac Efron, Leading Man. From the looks of it, Efron doesn't need the help, anyway.

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More New Moon details emerge

More details of the New Moon cast have been announced, with Graham Greene, Jamie Campbell Bower, Canadian supermodel Noot Sear, Daniel Cudmore, and Into the West's Tinsel Korey also added to the film. EONLINE.COM

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Downey Jr. dons scribe's skin

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

**Movie feature**

Although he's spent years as a columnist for the Los Angeles Times and he turned his experiences with a homeless, mentally ill Juilliard dropout into a bestselling book, Steve Lopez isn't used to being the focus of attention.

So imagine how uncomfortable he found it to have a celebrated Hollywood actor asking to rifle through his closet.

But that's just the situation he found himself in, as Robert Downey Jr., cast to play him in the film adaptation of his book *The Soloist*, was looking for some way to connect to Lopez as a character.

"He said, 'I need some piece of you. Can I go through your closet?'" Lopez remembers. "He said it so many times, I started to be a little concerned with

what he was really up to." When asked about the odd request, Downey demurs. "You're supposing that he let me into his closet," the actor says. "He never even dignified it with a response." In fact, according to Downey, Lopez spurned all attempts at close study.

"He wanted to tell me that to impersonate him would be to do a disservice to the movie," Downey says.

Or, as Lopez puts it, "I was a little concerned that if he played me, this would be a really boring movie. But I felt a little silly telling Robert how to think about approaching a role, because he's a great actor. He didn't need to hear it from me."

But Downey, who's famously portrayed well-known faces from both real life (Chaplin) and fiction (Iron Man) found it just as



Robert Downey Jr., right, plays long-time Los Angeles Times columnist Steve Lopez in the upcoming film *The Soloist*, which also stars Jamie Foxx as a homeless musician.

much of a challenge to portray a man that the vast majority of moviegoers had no familiarity with.

"They're all similar in that there's no way you can't go wrong if you don't know what you're doing,

and it's very hard to not go right if your heart's in the right place," he says.

Lopez is more than satisfied with the results. "I didn't want him to feel obligated to try and represent me, necessarily," Lopez says.

"But each time I see the movie, I see some new way in which he's captured some little nuance. Each time I see it, I appreciate the depth of his performance all the more."

As for the closet-rum-

Also opening

• Also hitting theatres this weekend is *Crank: High Voltage*. For a review of the film, visit metronews.ca/movies on Sunday, or read Monday's issue of Metro.

maging, it never took place, but Downey did pick one piece of Lopez he thought he could use to channel the character: His nose. Lopez was even brought down to the studio's effects department to have a cast of his nose taken in order to make a prosthetic one.

"Although I'm not in the movie business, I knew my nose would not fit on Robert Downey Jr.'s face and that this was a bad idea," Lopez says. "Fortunately he changed his mind."

• *The Soloist* opens in theatres across Canada next Friday.

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Martin Campbell's superhero flick, based on the DC comic about an ordinary man who is transformed into a hero when he wields an all-powerful ring, will shoot at Fox Studios Australia beginning in July. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Ali Larter stars as a women stalking a married man in the thriller Obsessed, which hits theatres next Friday..

Larter plays Obsessed

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Ali Larter may act deluded in her latest thriller Obsessed but she has no delusions about society's obsession with celebrity.

"It's part of what comes in our business," admitted the actress recently. "The hardest part for most actors is having to deal with the paparazzi and kind of how fans can sometimes take a moment too far."

"But the other end of it is that we've chosen these careers and when you put yourself in the public eye, there's a certain amount of responsibility that comes with it."

Movie feature

While the 33-year-old star of TV's *Heroes* has mostly avoided the tabloid trappings of many other young actresses, Larter still dislikes the paparazzi — but for a reason you might not expect.

"Just always having to be on is, for me, the most difficult part," admitted Larter. "I don't want to have to get ready before I leave my house ... who wants to worry about that when they go to the grocery store? I just want to go peruse heirloom tomatoes and not worry about a paparazzi jumping out from the bananas."

While *Obsessed* (in theatres next Friday) may not directly deal with celebrity stalking, it does take a look at one woman's crazed obsession with a married man (Idris Elba) and how she sets out to sabotage his marriage to a less-than-complacent wife (Beyoncé Knowles).

"I didn't play her as a stalker. I think of it as a woman who fell in love," said Larter. "For me, it was important to understand the clues into her psychosis and what happened to her to make her believe the things that this man said are true so hopefully the audience is going to go on that journey with me." For those who do take

"I didn't play her as a stalker. I think of it as a woman who fell in love."

Ali Larter on her character in *Obsessed*

the film's journey, it means catching a predicament most paparazzi would kill to witness in person — an all-out catfight between Larter and Knowles.

"She's stunningly beautiful," said Larter of the pop star. "One of my favorite moments is having Beyoncé charge at me. How many people get to have that happen in their life?"

Nurse hinges on simple plot

Nurse.Fighter.Boy

Director: Charles Officer

Stars: Clark Johnson

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



REVIEW In this urban drama, *Nurse.Fighter.Boy* (and yes, that punctuation is meant to be there), Clark Johnson from TV's *The Wire* stars as a rugged over-the-hill boxer who, after getting injured in a street fight, becomes enraptured with a nurse (Karen LeBlanc) suffering from a critical ailment and her slightly-eccentric son (Daniel J. Gordon).

Yes, it's a simple (and at times soporific) plot but

the focus here is on faith, redemption and, of course, love.

As such, this movie is more about its talented stars, who display a subtle intensity that has deservedly earned both Johnson and LeBlanc awards at the Whistler and Atlantic Film Festivals, respectively.

While this film is definitely in no hurry to move the story along, it redeems itself with gripping, gorgeous cinematography that uses colorful blue and orange tones to set the mood.

It may not feature riveting action, but as a first-time feature for writer/director Charles Officer, *Nurse.Fighter.Boy* is an impressive debut and displays a bright future from a new Canadian talent.



A scene from *Nurse.Fighter.Boy*.

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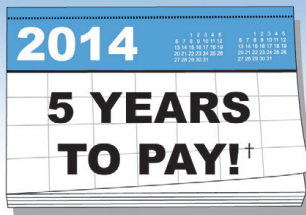
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With shooting scheduled to start in New York next month, the already heavyweight cast of Morning Glory has gained another talented actor, with Patrick Wilson signing up for the Paramount comedy. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Reel Time

★★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★★ GOOD; ★★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

Film's Ferrell returns to TV

PEOPLE Will Ferrell is roughing it as a guest star on an episode of the popular reality series *Man vs. Wild*.

The early June installment of the Discovery Channel show — a tie-in to the June 5 release of Ferrell's new film, *Land of the Lost* — features *Man vs. Wild* star Bear Grylls taking Ferrell through the paces of survival in northern Sweden's ice-bound mountain ranges.

The two tandem-abseil

off a helicopter, rappel down hundred-foot frozen waterfalls and build a shelter to stay warm overnight in subzero temperatures.

Grylls shows Ferrell what it takes to find food in the icy coniferous forests as they climb trees, improvise snow shoes from saplings, drink their own urine and eat reindeer eyeballs.

"Will did an amazing job in subzero, very unforgiving conditions," Grylls said.

REUTERS

Starring Mother Earth

Documentary on planet gets up close and personal

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



The BBC series *Planet Earth* is one of the most remarkable pieces of documentary filmmaking ever produced. Working with groundbreaking high definition cameras and a massive worldwide crew, the series captured remarkable images of nature that have been thrilling audiences since it premiered in 2006.

The breathtaking images worked fine on TV, but occasionally the show felt so large in scale that it demanded a larger canvas. Fortunately, *Planet Earth* co-directors Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield felt the same way and simultaneously shot a feature film entitled *Earth* for Disney, while they were filming the series for the BBC.

"The two projects were commissioned simultaneously, so we literally began both at exactly the same time," says co-director Alastair Fothergill. "To make a movie on the scale of *Earth* with all the locations and all the difficult behaviour, the budget would have been astronomical.

"So by working the two budgets in parallel, both projects benefited a great deal. We think that they're wonderful companion pieces partly because the big screen and the sur-



Earth for Disney is directed by Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield, the same filmmakers who helmed the much acclaimed BBC documentary series *Planet Earth*.

round sound offers an experience so much richer than what you'd get on even a high definition television."

Linfield also felt that there were benefits to gearing *Earth* towards the big screen that just couldn't be achieved in the BBC series.

"The great thing about a movie is that you've got 85 minutes of people's uninterrupted attention and that allows you to design a very different storyline. We crafted a storyline for the film with three main characters (polar bears, elephants, and humpback whales), whereas the televi-

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sion series was habitat based.

"Those structural choices were very differentiating for us while we were shooting and when there was a bit of overlap in subject matter between the film and the series, we always chose to shoot the stuff that was definitely going to be on a big screen in a different way."

The scale of the project was gigantic — over three years and 2,000 days of

filming — but the message is surprisingly intimate, highlighting the natural beauty and tight-knit relationships that connect all species on the planet.

As Linfield puts it, "Amongst all the bad news we really hope that people will feel that *Earth* is a celebration of our planet and visual evidence of the fact that there's still plenty left to fight for."

Opening day

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Slumdog producers reach out to Mumbai children

The producers of Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire have announced they will donate more than \$740,000 US to create a five-year program aimed at providing healthcare and education for children in Mumbai. **PEOPLE.COM**

Reel Time

***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

High school days, there and back

InFocus**Richard Crouse**

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In 17 Again a mysterious angel asks Matthew Perry if he would be happy turning back the clock, literally going back in time to high school. "Of course I want to live in the past," he says, "it was better there."

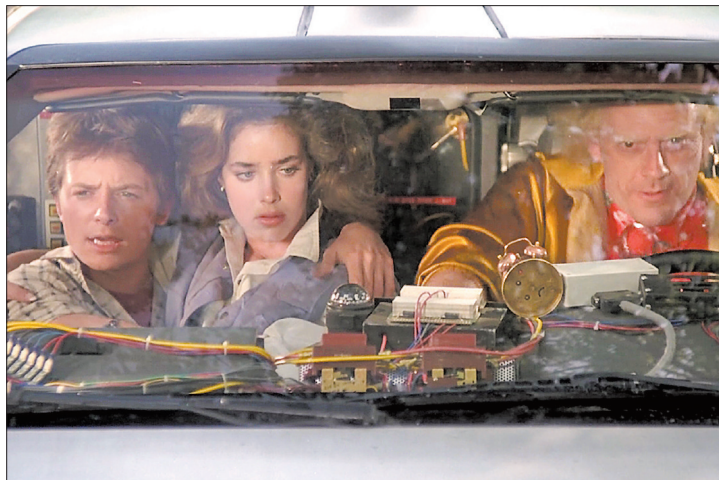
Was it really, Matthew? Often Hollywood romanticizes high school, forgetting that for 98 per cent of us it was a gruelling experience. Here's a list of keywords that popped up when I let my mind drift back to the dark days of secondary education: acne, the strap, swirlies, girls that didn't look like Vanessa Hudgens or Ashley Tis-

dale, smelly lockers, pop quizzes and bullies who thought wedgies were the funniest thing since Woody Allen discovered neurosis.

You couldn't pay me to relive my teen years, but for decades Hollywood screen writers have been fixated on sending people who survived high school (and all the torments listed above) back into the fray as a way of re-examining their lives.

17 Again gets considerable mileage from Zac Efron (as a 37 year-old man in a teenager's body) trying to navigate the treacherous waters of high school life. Of course in the end he does alright, because, well, he's Zac Efron and anyone so impeccably coiffed, so perfectly sculpted is probably going to be able to sidestep the pitfalls of hallway culture, but it's not always easy heading back to class.

Take for instance Back to the Future. When Marty



Back to the Future, starring Michael J. Fox, left, is one of the most successful Hollywood examples of time travelling back to high school on the silver screen.

McFly (Michael J. Fox) time travels thirty years from 1985 to 1955 he accidentally prevents his parents from meeting, and jeopardizes his own future. Worse than that, he has to

deal with bullies who stuff him in the trunk of a car and the mind-bending idea that his future mother "has the hots" for him.

George Burns doesn't have it much easier in 18

Again. After swapping bodies with his teenaged nephew (Charlie Schlatter) he discovers how tough the younger man has it in school — he's bullied by his schoolmates

and track coach and ignored by the girl of his dreams. Based on Burns' 1980 country hit single I Wish I Was 18 Again, this one is more punishing than spending Saturday detention with Emilio Estevez.

It's not all high school horror, however. In Vice Versa, (another of the age switcheroo movies from the late 1980s along with Big, 18 Again and the atrocious Like Father, Like Son) father and son Judge Reinhold and Fred Savage's minds magically enter each other's bodies, causing them to swap identities.

This time the father (in his son's body) uses his business smarts to outwit school yard bullies and finish an exam in only three minutes.

Now that's the way to go through high school.

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Director Patrick Tatopoulos, Underworld co-creator Kevin Grevioux and Death Ray Films are teaming to bring the comic book I, Frankenstein to the big screen. I, Frankenstein is an upcoming comic bringing together classic monster characters. **REUTERS**

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Movie morsels

12 Rounds

★★★

REVIEW The WWE has given the world many gifts. Providing hard-edged straight men an opportunity to watch greased up guys rolling around in spandex without any overt homoeroticism and Hulk Hogan's fantastic handlebar mustache rank among their positive contributions to pop culture. WWE Studios, on the other hand, is a gift that we all wish we could give back. The Hollywood careers of Hulk Hogan and Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson have proved that with a certain level of irony, wrestlers can have legitimate acting careers provided that their movies aspire to nothing beyond novelty entertainment.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Adventureland

★★★★

REVIEW If, like me, you had a crappy summer job in the 1980s, Adventureland will probably touch a place

in your heart. Written and directed by Greg Mottola (Superbad), this comedy follows James (Jesse Eisenberg), an aspiring scholar who is forced into working away his vacation to earn his tuition. Unable to land anything of prominence, he reluctantly takes a gig at Adventureland, a worn-out amusement park that specializes in fetid corn dogs, fixed games, the endless sound of Falco's Rock Me Amadeus.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Duplicity

★★★

REVIEW Some films are best tested with a clean slate — that is, if you have no preconceptions about them whatsoever. Duplicity is probably not one of those movies. For instance, you should know that, contrary to the fact Duplicity was written and directed by Tony Gilroy, it's much less pensive than his directorial debut Michael Clayton. In fact, it plays more in tone like a

cross between Ocean's Eleven and Mr. & Mrs. Smith.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Fast & Furious

★★★

REVIEW Fast & Furious opens up with an absolutely spectacular (and spectacularly dumb) bit of pre-credits action featuring a failed oil tanker hijacking that climaxes with Vin Diesel gunning it into the side of a spiralling, flaming rig. And that's really all you need to know about this sequel, the fourth in the long-running and popular franchise: It's big, it's loud, it fetishizes its hulking, turtle-faced star and is loaded with revving motors and sleek chrome.

Chris Alexander/Metro Canada

The Haunting in Connecticut

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REVIEW Beware movies that tell you that they're based on real events. Chances are the

moviemakers aren't convinced you'll believe the picture otherwise. The Haunting in Connecticut, which claims to be based on the true story of the Snedeker family and their encounter with perturbed poltergeists in a home in Southington, Conn., feels about as authentic as House on Haunted Hill.

Kevin Courier/Metro Canada

I Love You, Man

★★★★

REVIEW I Love You, Man is a star-filled and unabashed comedy that leaves the audience feeling pleasant whether they like it or not. Normally this type of filmmaking can be irritatingly predictable, but writer/director John Hamburg packed his cast with the right talent and toys with conventions just enough to make audiences remember why the well-worn formulas worked so well in the first place.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Knowing

★★★

REVIEW Combining elements of numerology, theology, fatalism and the notion of alien life in what is basically a glorified disaster movie, Knowing accomplishes the improbable combination of giving us way too much and yet not enough. When his son's school unearths a 50-year-old time capsule, troubled professor John Koestler (Nicolas Cage) comes across an odd document scribbled with seemingly random numbers.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The International

★★

REVIEW There should be no doubt that The International is a big movie. It's practically the only revealing aspect one might reason from its vague, inconclusive title. Indeed, filmed in four countries across two continents, The International may be a global thriller, but it may also be too sprawling

for its own good. Interpol agent Louis Salinger (Clive Owen) has dedicated his career to taking down a powerful international bank that has been secretly dealing in financing terrorism around the world.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Monsters vs. Aliens

★★★★

REVIEW There's something refreshing about a movie with a title that tells you everything you need to know about it. Part Plan 9 from Outer Space, part The Dirty Dozen, Monsters vs. Aliens is all about good, old-fashioned escapism. Just don't pay too close attention to the plot holes and lazy exposition. The movie has an all-star cast, the kind only possible in an animated movie, led by Reese Witherspoon as Susan, a bride-to-be who grows to five stories tall after being walloped by a radioactive meteor on her wedding day.

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Fox joins border thriller

Megan Fox is making a run for the border. The actress will play the lead role in the Screen Gems border thriller *The Crossing*. **REUTERS**

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Movie morsels**Observe and Report**

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REVIEW The second mall cop movie this year, *Observe and Report* has as much in common with *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* as *Home Alone* does with *Last House on the Left*. Most of the laughs come from jarring violence and some truly pervasive language. And while often unsettling, much of the outrageous humour works well, especially Anna Faris' work as the object of Ronnie's misplaced affection. And Rogen, adding extra pounds and shedding his usual nice-guy persona, disappears into his bipolar, trigger-happy anti-hero.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro Canada

One Week

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REVIEW One Week, starring Joshua Jackson, is a

triumphant little film that neither flaunts the fact it is Canadian nor tries to conceal it. From Toronto to Tofino, B.C., the cinematography reveals the country's true beauty in modest, Canuck fashion that is not overdone but reminds you why it's so much better to live here than anywhere else.

Robyn Young/Metro Canada

Paul Blart: Mall Cop

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REVIEW Paul Blart is fat. And incompetent. And clumsy. If that generic description reminds you of the late Chris Farley, it should. In fact, the idea for *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* may have been gathering a lot of dust in the "Farley Cold Case Files" at Happy Madison Productions long before Kevin James showed up. James plays the overly ambitious security guard

who has to save a mall taken over by a group of gun-wielding criminals.

Chris Alexander/Metro Canada

Race to Witch Mountain

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REVIEW There are two things Disney did right with their latest family film *Race to Witch Mountain*. By re-visiting the popular hit *Escape to Witch Mountain*, the Mouse House will surely attract many-a-parent who grew up fascinated by the 1975 classic. Second, they hired Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson, the former wrestling champ who has begun to establish himself a formidable attraction for kids in hits like *The Game Plan*.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Sunshine Cleaning

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REVIEW In *Sunshine Cleaning*, Amy Adams and Emily Blunt star as two sisters ringing in an early mid-life crisis by starting up a lucrative business cleaning up gruesome crime scenes. It may sound more like a grim new HBO series, but instead this comic-drama takes a light and charming look at a broken family just trying to make ends meet.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Watchmen

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REVIEW Fanatics of Alan Moore's groundbreaking graphic novel *Watchmen* hold the text in such pious geek reverence that bringing the property to the big screen has been nothing short of intimidating. And yet, finally, af-

ter two decades of hand changing, here it is in all its big, bloody and ballsy allegorical glory. The grim, noir laced phantasmagoria of faded superheroes and the various inter-personal demons they battle is, under the guidance of 300 director Zack Snyder, a decidedly faithful adaptation of the graphic novel.

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Music

k-os goes back to basics

Canadian hip-hop artist crafts new beats

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada



k-os has taken a step back to the basics on his fourth album Yes!

While his last release, *Atlantis: Hymns For Disco*, found the hip-hop artist navigating the waters of soul, rock and folk, the new disc is characterized by thoughtful yet light-hearted rhymes underscored by warm melodies — something closer to the feel of his second album, *Joyful Rebellion*.

Speaking at the Second Cup across from MuchMusic on Toronto's Queen Street West, k-os says the return to form came from being in transition. Finding himself between labels (he jumped from EMI to Universal) and cities (living between Toronto and Vancouver), he got back into the simple and comforting craft of making beats.

"I often do that when I'm trying to figure stuff out," he says. "And that was the whole thing that sparked the album's sound, just the fun-ness of

"I think every record is an opportunity to re-establish your persona."

k-os

getting on my drum machines that were collecting dust."

There's a refreshingly playful atmosphere running through *Yes!* Case in point, the track *I Wish I Knew* Natalie Portman, which features Nelly Furtado and Saukrates, singing and rhyming over the indelible piano line from the track *California* by Phantom Planet, which is best known as the theme song for the popular TV series *The O.C.* He first heard the Rich Kidd-produced beat at Saukrates's studio a couple years ago and decided he had to use it.

"I was like 'dude, you gotta let me rap on this,'" k-os says. He knew it'd be a hit while DJing. "I did a party at Whistler one time where I ran it and the crowd just got right into it, like right away."

While Portman isn't mentioned in the song, the actress is symbolic to k-os.

While he loves the acknowledgement and attention he receives in this country, "I think part of my soul wants to soar outside of Canada, and Natalie Portman and California represents going west. 'Go west, young man.' Or go south, in this case."

"When I see her work, she's amazing. But the reference is more about wanting to step out of the bubble and get into new realities, which is what I'm about."

As longtime followers know, k-os stands for knowledge of self and *Yes!* does feature a healthy dose of introspection typical of his previous work. The self-reflection comes to a peak on the song *Burning Bridges*, which he insists is more about redefining himself than cutting people from out of his world.

"There's a lyric on that song that goes, 'That's why I'm back in the building, to burn the flame of the fame I was building'. I think



Yes! is the fourth album from Canadian hip-hop artist k-os.

every record is an opportunity to re-establish your persona," he says.

"Sometimes I'll see some of the things that I bought

in the past, or the clothes in my closet and think, who is that guy? I start to see that I'm separating myself from the person that I was."

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Music fans push for record store revival

In the olden days before iTunes, Napster and MP3s, there was something called the "record store."

It worked like this: You saved up your money, went to the store (during business hours, of course), scoured the shelving in hopes of finding something that you wanted,

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waited in line at the counter and then gave a clerk money in exchange for the

pieces of plastic in your arms. You then returned home and decrypted what was on those pieces of plastic using strange mechanical equipment, some of which involved dragging a really hard rock through the grooves etched in the more ancient forms of these plastic discs.

Record stores were



Fans around the world prepare to celebrate Record Store Day.

"There's an entire generation of music fans who have quite literally never set foot in a record store unless it was by accident."

places where you met other music fans. You learned from their choices and from their opinions. And if you were lucky, you had a guy behind the counter who could counsel you on what to buy and what to avoid.

A trip into the Record Peddler across from Maple Leaf Gardens was an adrenalin rush. First, there was the anticipation of what cool thing you might find this week. Second, you had to get past the clerk who vetted your selections, whether you wanted this particular service or not. He'd flip through your potential purchases, assessing each record: "Crap. Crap. Crap. This one's not bad. Crap. Nice one. Crap." Then he'd look at you: "Still want all these?"

All that seems like such a long time ago. There's an entire generation of music fans who have quite literally never set foot in a record store unless it was by accident. The whole experience of record shopping seems primitive and wholly unnecessary. They get whatever songs they want, whenever they want them, wherever they happened to be using whatever device is most convenient at that

moment.

I like convenience, choice and gadget as much as the next person — maybe more, if you ask my wife — but I still enjoy the record store experience. And tomorrow, it's hoped that many millions of people will participate in Record Store Day, an annual international event started in 2007 designed to remind people about the place the record store has in the community.

Here's what you should do. First, check out recordstoreday.com/canada to find the participating stores closest to you. Second, read Nick Hornby's *High Fidelity* tonight. Third, go hang out in the store for a couple of hours. You'll be glad you did.

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Levon Helm going Electric

RECORDING After nabbing a Grammy for his rustic album *Dirt Farmer*, drummer/vocalist Levon Helm will return June 30 with *Electric Dirt*.

The 11-song set will be released on Helm's own *Dirt Farmer Music*, in conjunction with Vanguard. As with *Dirt Farmer*, Helm recorded at The Barn, his studio in Woodstock, N.Y.

On *Dirt Farmer*, which ended a 25-year absence from solo work, Helm — a member of defunct rock

group The Band — explored the roots of classic Americana and folk. *Electric Dirt* promises to continue in that tradition, but will tap into more forms from the American musical canon. The original *Growing Trade* will feature horn arrangements from veteran New Orleans R&B musician Allen Toussaint, and Randy Newman's *Kingfish* gives a nod to the musical heritage of ragtime-era New Orleans.

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<p>Sunday April 25 The New Dorothy the Dinosaur Show From the Wiggles</p>	<p>Saturday May 30 Emerson Drive Believe Tour Y101</p>	<p>Sunday May 3 Sharon + Bram</p>
<p>Monday May 4 Bill Anderson</p>	<p>Wednesday May 6 Cowboy Junkies LIVE</p>	<p>Saturday May 09 Rik Emmett Plays Clapton</p>
<p>Thursday May 14 Oliver Jones with Special Guest Raneae Lee</p>	<p>Thursday April 30 Alex Cuba 2008 Juno Award for Best World Music Album "Alex Cuba's virtuosic guitar playing recalls Jimi Hendrix mixed with island heat" - Miami Herald</p>	

<p>Friday June 5 Sean Cullen I am a Human Man Tour</p>	<p>Tuesday June 16 CMT on Tour Jason Blaine Tara Oram And The Higgins Y101</p>	<p>Thursday June 25 Led Zeppelin II Classic Albums Live</p>
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Television

Collins' search for success hits TV

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada



Former Toronto actress/radio host/comic Carla Collins says the decision to leave Canada for Hollywood was easy. It was in every newspaper.

"The word omnipresent and ubiquitous was in front of my name in a thousand newspaper articles," remembered Collins in an interview at Toronto's new burlesque club Jezebels.

"The ubiquitous Carla Collins' it said. It was like they were tired of me. So sometimes it's good to go away. Though I hope they call me that in the states. That'd be wonderful."

It hasn't happened yet, though not for lack of trying. As the new series *Carlawood* (Starting Sunday on TVTropolis) makes it clear — don't get in Collins' way. She's one ambitious gal.

Based out of a small apartment in Malibu, *Carlawood* follows Collins as she attempts to make her mark in the competitive world of acting and comedy.

"I tend to screw up my life whenever I'm comfortable," she says. "I wanted to challenge myself. Play with the bigger, better tennis players. I love the adventure of it all."



Carla Collins

As a show, *Carlawood* has the trappings of your usual reality show as Carla's pursuit of success leads to odd situations and odder Hollywood characters. Still, it's more documentary in tone; a bit more grounded in real life.

"It's not a train wreck show. I think it's relatable to people. You can't set stuff up. Folks are way too sophisticated for that."

Joining Carla on camera is her husband/actor Tyrone Power Jr., son of the Hollywood icon (Blood and Sand, Nightmare Alley).

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Carla Collins, on her move to Hollywood

He remembers his first meeting with Carla as a tense experience.

"We had a mutual friend who said 'You have to come and see this one-woman comedy show,'" recalls Power.

"And I said don't make me go. If it's awful, there's only one woman in the cast and I have to meet her after the

show.

"But 30 seconds in, I knew she was great. Funny, charming, intelligent and gorgeous."

As for her career be-

yond this show, Carla is busy. She's done a couple of TV pilots and has a feature in development.

"They have preconceived notions in L.A. They like to categorize you."

"But once they start getting you and get who you are, then you start getting the calls."

Debut nears

- *Carlawood* premieres Sunday at 9 p.m. (ET/PT) on TVTropolis.

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American Idol's Fantasia gets her own reality show

Fantasia Barrino, left, must have loved being on reality TV. The former American Idol star will be back in the game come early 2010 — starring in a new unscripted series on VH1. **PEOPLE.COM**

Going Out

Mix of Six

Romeo and Juliet

When: Today through Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Southam Hall, National Arts Centre
The National Ballet of Canada presents Shakespeare's classic romantic tragedy, with stunning sets, costumes and a dramatic score. Tickets \$24.25-\$81 through the NAC box office, 613-755-1111.

The Ethics

When: Friday, 9 p.m.
Where: BabyLong Nightclub
The Ottawa quartet celebrates the release of their second CD with a few special guests. Tickets are \$10.

Ottawa Walk for Heart

When: Sunday, 8 a.m.
Where: Ottawa City Hall
A non-competitive walk of 3 km or 5 km to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. To register, or for more information, visit fitforheart.ca

A Guy Named Joe

When: Now through May 2, 8 p.m.; weekend matinees 2:30 p.m.
Where: The Gladstone Theatre
Writer and director Laurie Steven presents Odyssey Theatre's latest production in a whimsical tale of love and fate. Tickets are \$28-\$35 and can be purchased by calling 613-233-4523.

Springboard

When: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: Library and Archives Canada
It's a mini-festival to get you pumped for the Ottawa Folk Festival later this summer, featuring entertainment for all ages. This event is free.

Exhibition No. 4

When: Friday through April 24
Where: The Red Wall Gallery
The School of Photographic Arts opens its doors to show off the most outstanding photographs produced by the students. The exhibition is free.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Portuguese water dogs

PET Yes, they can — make great pets, that is. Ever since Portie pup Bo was adopted by the Obama family, the demand for the lovable breed has gone up. The Star-Ledger recently reported that New Jersey breeders are fielding more calls about the dog. Many animal lovers are also worried that the craze might give way to unethical breeding practices



2 Susan Boyle

PERSON She came, she sang, she conquered. The unassuming 47-year-old from Scotland brought the snickering audience and judges to her feet last week after her breathtaking performance of I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent. The clip has since gone viral and is on its way to becoming one of the defining TV moments of this year, if not the decade.



3 Carlawood

SHOW This reality show to end all reality shows — actually, just mock them — features Canadian funny woman Carla Collins, who was a ubiquitous name in the '90s and early 2000s for her stint with Entertainment Tonight and her roles in Paradise Falls and Sonic Temple. The series begins Sunday on TVTropolis at 9 p.m. ET.

4 The '80s

MUSIC Music from the Reagan era has been bubbling under for a while, thanks to recent indie bands such as M83 and Cut Copy, but nothing heralds a comeback like fresh material from the original heroes. Next week, electro-disco era superstars Depeche Mode and Pet Shop Boys will be releasing new albums, Sounds of the Universe and Yes respectively.

5 Frost/Nixon

DVD Arguably the most underrated of all major 2009 Oscar nominees, this film adaptation of Peter Morgan's hit play is both entertaining and illuminating. In fact, director Ron Howard makes the infamous 1977 interview between British host David Frost and former U.S. president Richard Nixon a tense, terse cat-and-mouse game that will pin you to your seat. Frank Langella as Nixon is priceless.



6 Cops on Twitter

TREND For many police departments across North America, it takes just 140 characters to uphold the law these days. While some are using the popular microblog to alert people to traffic disruptions, others are using it to explain why police are in a certain neighbourhood or to offer crime prevention tips.

7 Earth Day

CAUSE This eco-friendly event may not have the dramatic heft of Earth Hour (lights out across the world for 60 minutes in the evening) but April 22 is a good reminder of our environmental responsibilities, especially in a tough economy where green thinking can easily fall off the radar.

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Octomom wants 18-year doc deal

TELEVISION The mother of newborn octuplets says she will do a documentary series following her babies until they are 18 years old, but the production company says it is still in "exclusive negotiations" for the deal.

Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to six boys and two girls in Los Angeles on Jan. 26, said she would allow a television crew to film her family six times a year. The babies are only the second known set of octuplets born alive in the United States.

"It is official. I'm going to be doing a show, but it's not a reality show," Suleman told Life & Style magazine, adding that the series would be made by the British arm of independent production company Eyeworks.

"What I'm doing with this TV show is basically creating documentaries



Nadya Suleman, left, seen here during an interview with NBC's Ann Curry, plans to have a documentary crew follow her and her octuplets until they turn 18 years old.

about the lives of my children. It's going to be an ongoing thing, and it will follow them from now until they are 18," she said.

Suleman said the show would be aired in Britain and then possibly the United States.

But Eyeworks chief executive officer Reinout Oerle-

mans said in a statement Wednesday that the company was still in "exclusive negotiations" with Suleman for "an unscripted format following the life of Nadya and her children."

"Nadya's story is a very unique and exciting one that needs to be told in the right manner," Oerlemans

said. "We are confident that we are the right party to tell their story around the world."

Suleman became a lightning rod for public ridicule after it was learned that she was a divorced, jobless mother of six living with her parents on government assistance when she became pregnant with octuplets through in vitro fertilization.

Suleman — nicknamed "Octomom" in the U.S. media — has since moved into a new home with her children and the last of the octuplets was released from the hospital this week.

The Smoking Gun website, reported Wednesday that Suleman has applied to trademark the name "Octomom." It posted online an application said to be made by Suleman to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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OTTAWA'S WEATHER LEADER

Mulroney gets his own radio show

Ben Mulroney, right, is adding radio airwaves to his repertoire as host of ETALK 20, a weekly two-hour radio show launching this weekend that counts down the hottest chart-topping tunes in Canada. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Getting safe sex message out

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

"When I got the numbers — 3,000 young people under 25 being affected daily — I would never have thought that would be the statistic," says Solange Knowles about HIV/AIDS-related unprotected sex.

The young singer/songwriter helped to kick off the global Yes, Yes, Yes to Safe Sex event for MTV and The Body Shop in New York City on Tuesday.

"Initially I thought this was a really heavy, scary topic, but it must be talked about ... There are so many campaigns that preach wrap-it-up, wrap-it-up, condom, condom, condom, but the numbers aren't going down — they're rising. Collectively, we have to figure out a way to make this less uncomfortable to talk about, to state the facts and bring



Singer Solange Knowles attends The Body Shop and MTV Networks' Say Yes, Yes, Yes to Safe Sex event at Meet at the Apartment on Tuesday in New York City.

awareness so that young people can react."

MTV and The Body Shop are doing their part with campaigns to benefit MTV's Staying Alive Foundation, which works to empower the 18 to 25 set when it comes to the safe-

ty-first sex issue. With each \$8 purchase of The Body Shop's Tantalizing Lip Butter, \$5 goes toward the foundation (stayingalive.org) to help create HIV-prevention programs.

Knowles, 22, firmly maintains that advocating

abstinence isn't enough.

"My parents did a really great job at giving us what I call 'the real deal holy field' so that we could be in the position to make decisions on our own," she says in an interview with Metro. Knowles added that she was about 13 when she first learned about safe sex.

For her, education and being armed with all the facts about risks and consequences is key. "The reality is that young people are having sex," she insists. And getting a no-sex-before-marriage message from one side, and uninformed input from a young peer group on the other side can result in confusion.

On the subject of being a role model for today's young people, Knowles is quick to credit her mother as a positive influence in her life and to say she had great role models, but that

no matter how many resources there are, ultimately people have to make their own choices.

"Obviously, me having a child at 18 may not be someone's perception of a role model, and some people could quickly say where was your mother," she admits. "But it's decision-making you have to live with, that you have to be happy with. No matter how many people you have telling you what to do, it's a personal thing. You need to have the facts and education to make an educated decision."

Knowles is planning to hit schools to talk about safe sex, and hopes to help young people celebrate diversity as a foundation for personal strength.

For herself, Knowles is continuing to develop herself as an artist, focussing on her music. She's heading back into the studio this summer.

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Penelope Cruz has vowed to grow old gracefully like her icon Sophia Loren and insists she will not have cosmetic surgery to keep her looks — and looks forward to getting grey hair and wrinkles. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Penelope embraces aging

Celebrity Buzz

Mel's lover comes forward? LiLo breaking down?

RELATIONSHIP Days after Mel Gibson's wife of 28 years, Robyn, filed for divorce, a 24-year-old Russian pop singer has come forth, claiming that she had a romantic relationship with the 53-year-old actor and has now fallen in love, usmagazine.com alleges.

In a new interview in Britain's The Sun, Oksana Pochepa also confirms that she is the mystery brunette photographed kissing Gibson on a Costa Rican beach in March.

"This is serious and I

hope that our union will be real and strong and long-lasting," she told the paper Tuesday.

Us Weekly reports in its latest issue that the two met last August when Pochepa was hired to compose a song for Gibson's upcoming thriller Edge of Darkness.

A source on the Massachusetts

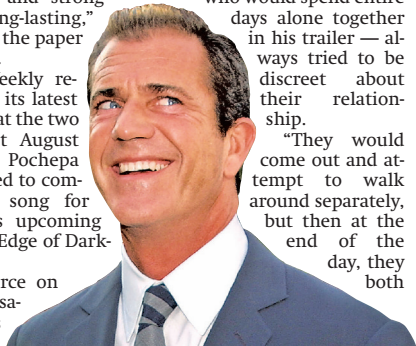
set tells Us that the pair — who would spend entire days alone together in his trailer — always tried to be discreet about their relationship.

"They would come out and attempt to walk around separately, but then at the end of the day, they both

returned to the same hotel," the on-set source tells Us. "She was there on and off for a week, but it was clear she had no business there other than to be with Mel."

Fuelling more rumours? They met up in January in Mexico City, where Gibson directed a music video for Pochepa, usmagazine.com adds.

"Mel's team brought all of their own people," Alejandro Alvarez of Estudios Churubusco tells Us of the shoot. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



PEOPLE Since her breakup with Samantha Ronson, Lindsay Lohan has reportedly gotten out of control, drinking and partying all over Los Angeles — and now her family is trying to get the troubled actress back into rehab, according to OK! Magazine.

"We're all trying to convince Lindsay to go," a relative tells the magazine. The topic

even reportedly led to a raucous shouting match between Lindsay and her mom, Dina Lohan, early in the morning on Easter Sunday, disturbing the Hollywood Hills neighbourhood where Lindsay is renting a house. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**



Art imitates life for Aniston

PEOPLE Jennifer Aniston has reportedly found inspiration from the movie she's filming. The Baster, about a 40-year-old woman who turns to artificial insemination to get pregnant.

"Jen's been telling everyone on the set this film should be promoted as the story of her life," a source tells the National Enquirer. "But the real shocker is that she says her top candidate for artificial insemination is David Schwimmer."

Oddly enough, on their hit show Friends, Schwimmer's character fathered Aniston's character's child.



METRO WORLD NEWS

Billy Ray plays Foxx

DISPUTE Billy Ray Cyrus says Jamie Foxx was out of line after making crude cracks at his 16-year-old daughter, Miley Cyrus, usmagazine.com reports.

Foxx, 41, apologized Tuesday for saying on his Sirius radio show that the Hannah Montana star needs "to get a gum transplant ... make a sex tape ... do some heroin."

Foxx — who has a teenage daughter — told Jay Leno, "I didn't mean it maliciously. You know I'm

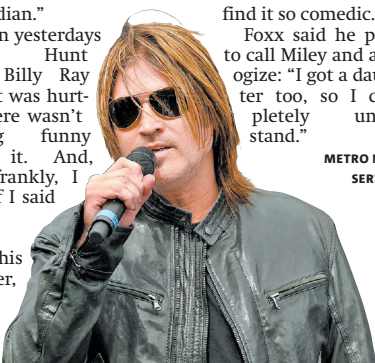
a comedian."

But on yesterdays Bonnie Hunt Show, Billy Ray says, "It was hurtful. There wasn't nothing funny about it. And, quite frankly, I think if I said those things about his daughter, he might not

find it so comedic."

Foxx said he plans to call Miley and apologize: "I got a daughter too, so I completely understand."

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GITTY IMAGES

Mandy's career relaunch

CAREER Mandy Moore doesn't like her own music, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer says she has never recorded a "quality" song because her record company chose all her music.

The 25-year-old star said: "The music is all a reflection of me now, not somebody else's choices. I was just told to show up and what to sing. That was late-'90s pop music for you."

"I found myself in the company of Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, who had really quality music, much more so than mine," she said. Mandy hopes her new album Amanda Leigh — made with the help of her alternative country musician husband Ryan Adams — will change her bubblegum pop reputation. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**



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Rihanna back at it

CAREER Two months after cancelling a string of shows in the wake of her altercation with Chris Brown, Rihanna is headed back to the stage. The singer's first concert will take place May 28 in Dubai, according to El News.

The show, which will be open to more than 25,000 ticket-buyers,

will most likely take place in a designer outdoor venue.

"Normally they create a special stage in the desert for these events," Dubai Tourism spokeswoman Mary Rachele Cherpak says. Tickets are expected to be on sale soon. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Justin's mountain trek

PEOPLE Justin Timberlake is planning to scale Mount Kilimanjaro to raise awareness of the global water crisis.

"I've been training four times a week to get my VO2 levels up to expand my lungs," Timberlake tells GQ magazine. He's bring-

ing along rapper Lupe Fiasco and singer Kenna.

"We'll climb for a week straight, carrying 30 pounds on our backs. It's going to be intense, but it's going to be so rewarding," he said. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Madonna back in arms of Jesus

RELATIONSHIP After her recent adoption fiasco, Madonna seems to be back in model Jesus Luz' arms. The two were spotted having dinner in New York, and also at the Kabbalah centre, according to Hollyscoop.

Sources say the two left the restaurant separately but rendezvoused in her waiting car. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



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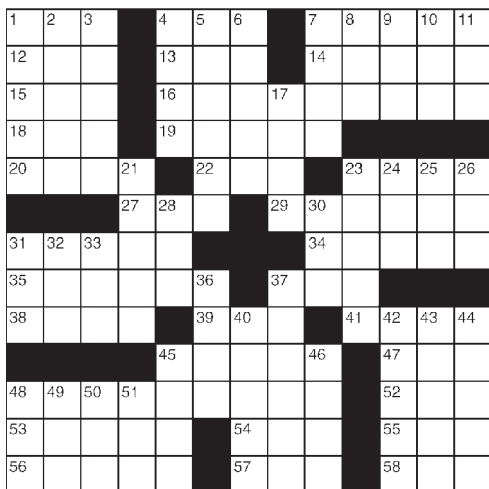
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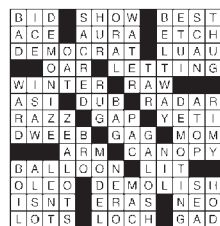
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4 Upper limit
7 Excavate
12 Wire measure
13 — Dhahi
14 Overact
15 Literary collection
16 Ransom-note writer
18 Author Fleming
19 Double- sword
20 Approaching
22 Spud bud
23 A handful
27 Early hrs.
29 Neat and stylish
31 Bow or Barton
34 Starbucks order
35 Eve, e.g.
37 Sailor
38 Do what you're told
39 Brewery product
41 Close friends
45 Steve Carell role
47 Actor McBride
48 Insecticide alternative
52 Annoy
53 Hunter in the sky
54 Patriotic chant
55 Appomattox also-ran
56 First Oscar-winning film
57 Remuneration
58 "Undeniably"

Crossword down

- 1 With full force
2 Egyptian peninsula
3 Word on the street?
4 Birthday party must-have
5 Tolerates
6 On the plump side
7 Out of play
8 Mischievous tyke
9 Bush league?
10 Salt Lake tribe member
11 Apiece
17 Requirement
21 Shrewish one
23 Ignite
24 Make up your mind
25 Encountered
26 Prior to
28 West of Hollywood
30 Chicken-king link
31 — -Magnon
32 Science workshop
33 Mimic
36 Freeway access
37 Nobel-winning Mother
40 Drink eagerly
42 With aloofness
43 Crowd?
44 Increases, as prices
45 Lacking
46 Salver
48 Acknowledge applause
49 Spoon-bender Geller
50 Martini ingredient
51 Last king of Albania

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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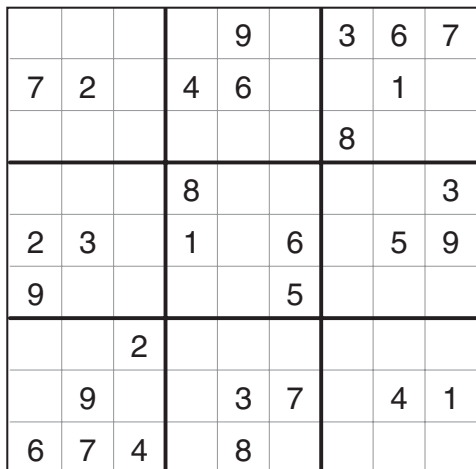
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Sweet and Sour Glazed Pork with Pineapple

INGREDIENTS:

- 14 oz (398 ml) can juice-packed pineapple wedges
1/2 cup (125 ml) red currant jelly
2 tbsp (25 ml) plus 2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt
1 lb (500 g) well-trimmed pork tenderloin
1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Drain and dice pineapple, reserving juice.
2. Combine pineapple juice, currant jelly, 2 tbsp (25 ml) mustard, and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt in small pot. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until jelly has melted and mixture is slightly syrupy and reduced to 2/3 cup, 5 minutes. Cool to room temperature. Measure out 1/2 cup of mixture and set aside as

a sauce. Reserve mixture remaining in pot for a baste.

3. Place pork in 7 x 11-in. (18 x 28-cm) baking dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice and remaining 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt. Brush pork with basting mixture. Roast pork, basting every 10 minutes with pan juices, until cooked through, 30 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, combine diced pineapple with remaining 2 tsp (10 ml) mustard in small bowl. Let cooked pork stand 10 minutes before slicing. Serve sliced pork with reserved sauce and pineapple-mustard mixture on the side.

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Satisfaction comes from trusting your instincts. Your hopes are raised by reaching an agreement. Someone's whimsy gets in the way.



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Recover from heartache by asking for help. You'll stumble over foolish beliefs. An old lesson now has special meaning.



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Exceptional evidence of past issues is presented. Drag yourself away from a technical conversation. Be very clear about your distress.



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Consideration for others causes a risk to arise. Responsibilities slow you down to a crawl. There are twinges of guilt over a tempting offer.



CAPRICORN

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A fearful friend feels sorry for himself. Don't encourage anyone to avoid work. You can attain power by giving assistance.



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A stranger's defeat won't drain your energy. A chat results from a wise decision. A false alarm defines incompetence.



AQUARIUS

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Rise above panic and have new hope for the future. Ask to be released from obligations. A companion's blunder goes unpunished.



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